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On information and belief, this information is being cited before a first Office Action on the merits in this application. Applicants therefore submit that this information is timely cited.¹

A copy of the reference is enclosed. It is in the English language. As such, no additional statement of relevance is provided in this paper.²

¹ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

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